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MEETING OF TOP BRASS CE & CUSTOMS OFFICERS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently convened a meeting of Chief Commissioners and Director Generals of Central Excise & Customs;

(b) if so, the details of deliberations thereon;

(c) whether it is also proposed to undertake `High Impact Audit` of select sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE(S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)and(b): The Conference of the Chief Commissioners and Directors General of Customs & Central Excise was held during 24-25 July, 2007. The issues discussed included indirect tax revenue collection, arrears collection, automation initiatives, steps for toning up tax administration, improving the efficiency of the audit / anti-evasion /anti-smuggling set-up, etc.

(c)and(d): High Impact Audits are audits of select assessees conducted under the direct supervision of Assistant or Deputy Commissioner. For this purpose, assessees are identified on the basis of certain criteria such as revenue trends of a commodity they manufacture, behavior of CENVAT credit utilisation, pattern of sales, etc, that are prescribed from time-to-time.